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NEWS ONTARIO INCREASING PENALTIES FOR STUNT DRIVERS

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The province has strengthened stunt driving legislation in an effort to get more dangerous drivers off the streets.

The changes to the Moving Ontarians More Safely Act came into effect on July 1.

The law now states that anyone caught driving 40 km/h or more above the speed limit where the maximum is less than 80 km/h will face stunt driving charges.

Previously someone would only receive a charge of stunt driving if they were caught speeding 50 km/h or more above the posted speed limit.

The penalties for stunt driving have also increased, with motorists now facing a 30-day roadside drivers' licence suspension as well as a 14-day vehicle impoundment.

The previous penalty involved a licence suspension and vehicle impoundment for one week.

The Ontario government is also introducing escalating post-conviction driver's



A vehicle has been impounded after a youth was charged with stunt driving.

licence suspensions for drivers convicted of stunt driving:

• For a first offence, a minimum of one to three years;

• For a second offence, a minimum of three to 10 years;

• For a third offence, a lifetime suspension that may be reduced at a later date to be established by regulation;

• For a fourth and subsequent offences, a lifetime driver's licence suspension.

Provincial officials noted that drivers travelling at excess speed is one of the major contributory factors in serious and fatal road collisions.

There is no shortage of stunt driving locally.

In Halton, officers laid 12 racing/stunt driving charges as part of the Project #Noisemaker campaign, which ran from June 10 to Oct. 31, 2020.

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